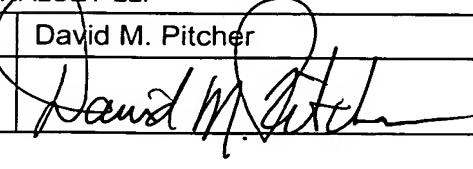


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 725.1150
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>10/018931</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP01/03398	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 20, 2001	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 28, 2000
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF PROCESSING METAL MEMBERS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Toshiyuki GENDOH, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording.           <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Please mail the recorded assignment document to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the person whose signature, name &amp; address appears at the bottom of this document.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> the following:</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT publication WO 01/83153 PCT Form PCT/RO/101</li> </ol>		

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